

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from January 25, was held on the 8th day of February, 2005, at 5:00 P.M., School Administration Building, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a joint meeting with the Lynchburg School Board regarding the Schools FY2006 Budget. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson

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Absent:

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// Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., welcomed everyone to the meeting. School Board Chair Julie Doyle provided a brief overview regarding the proposed Schools FY2006 Budget. Ms. Doyle explained that the request to the City for a \$4.7 million increase over last year is primarily for salary increases for teachers. Ms. Doyle went on to say that the results of a survey comparing teacher salaries in a 50-mile radius indicate that Lynchburg teacher pay in most cases was lower. Ms. Doyle also emphasized that the raises proposed are small in comparison to pay in surrounding counties and also that the demands of No Child Left Behind are having a significant impact on the budget. In response to questioning, Ms. Doyle stated that the survey did not include a comparison of benefit packages. Council Member Gillette stated that he would like to see how Lynchburg teacher pay compares when benefits are taken into consideration. Council Member Seiffert commented that the Schools may need to revamp its current pay system. Ms. Doyle did note that the School Board plans to look at the Schools pay system, which would also include a multi-year plan to address salary concerns.

// The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council